Hunt is widened in Alabama for arsenal of ultra-Rights

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 8—Authorities say that more gigantic collections of weaponry, like the 60,000 pounds discovered Nov. 29 in a truck trailer purchased by an ultra-Right Birmingham physician, may be hidden around Alabama.

Federal, state and county agents have spent at least two days in ground and air searches. Given an especially close going-over was a $200,000 West Alabama farm bought recently by relatives of Dr. Gus Prosch, the ultra-Right physician, who was freed on bond on charges of violating the Federal Firearms Control Act.

Dr. Prosch had been arrested the night before after smaller weapons caches, including a submachine gun, automatic rifle, other rifles and pistols, guerrilla warfare manuals and grenades were uncovered in raids on his home and another house reportedly leased in his name.

Although he had not been charged at weekend with possession of the 233 firearms (pistols, shotguns, carbines, machine guns and a mortar), 62 cases of ammunition, gasoline firebombs and hundreds of other items found in the trailer, officials said it was the discovery of the trailer that led to his arrest.

They also disclosed that the trailer was in Prosch's name, and that some of the weapon boxes inside were addressed to him.

IRS raid

Last Friday, Internal Revenue Service agents raided his home again and confiscated six boxes of financial records. They took similar papers from his office.

They said they wanted to know how a man who lives in a home worth more than $40,000, drives a Lincoln Continental, flies his own airplane and owns hundreds of acres of real estate and apartment buildings could report an income of only $16,000 in 1968 and $18,000 in 1969.

They said he did not file a tax return in 1967.

Officials who went into Prosch's house during the two raids last week said they saw Minuteman and Klan publications.

With Prosch when he was arrested Dec. 1 and when his office was raided by the IRS Friday was Dan Moore, former chief deputy U.S. marshal at Birmingham who was fired last year.

Moore was a candidate for Congress this year on the Alabama Conservative Party ticket. He campaigned on a radical-Right stand on law and order, school desegregation and what he called "the federal bureaucracy," but drew only a smattering of votes.

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